



December 15, 2009

Ms. Jan Palumbo (AWT-121)
United States EPA, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: **December 2009 Progress Report
J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY
Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086**

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the December 2009 progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from November 15, 2009, to December 15, 2009.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- Routine quarterly groundwater monitoring activities were conducted during the week of November 16, 2009.
- On November 18, 2009, Baxter received comments from EPA on the 2nd Quarter Operations and Monitoring Report. EPA's comments will be incorporated into the 3rd Quarter 2009 Operations and Monitoring Reports, and will be submitted to EPA by December 23, 2009.
- Baxter initiated drilling activities on December 14, 2009, as part of the Supplemental Groundwater Investigation. Drilling activities for Phase 1 of the Supplemental Groundwater Investigation should be completed by December 23, 2009.
- Groundwater elevation data from existing wells are currently being collected monthly.

Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- The Remedial Action Pilot System will continue to be evaluated during the next reporting period, including monthly groundwater elevation data collection. Baxter has initiated work on the Annual Report for the effectiveness of the Remedial Action Pilot System.



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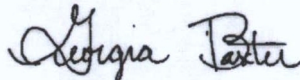
Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- Baxter has no other information to report.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

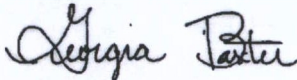
Signature:



Name: Georgia Baxter
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: December 15, 2009

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (650) 349-0201

Sincerely,



Georgia Baxter
CEO

cc: Jeanne Tran, Ecology
RueAnn Thomas, Bluefield Holdings
Douglas Fox, Stella-Jones Corp.
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